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**PATENT**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Application of

Attorney Docket No.: YAMA3020/FJD

Toshihiko YAMASHITA et al.

Confirmation No.: 8728

Application No.: 09/926,841

Group Art Unit: 1771

Filed: December 31, 2001

Examiner: Jennifer A. Boyd

Title: Thin, meshy porous body and method of manufacturing the porous body

**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**Introductory Comments**

The following remarks are being submitted pursuant to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.116 in response to the Office Action of September 17, 2004, in a bona fide effort to place this application in condition for allowance.